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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

I am writing to express my opinion of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. I am happy to see that Microsoft will not be broken up. But a number of the concessions that Microsoft is being forced to make are unfair.

My son works for Xerox. Ever since Xerox's patents expired and they were forced to share their information with other companies, Xerox has not been the same. When a company spends incredible amounts of time, money, and resources to create a technology that other companies were not able to create, the company should not be punished for its innovation. It is the company's right to bask in the fruits of its labor. Compromise is always a difficult thing. I hope Microsoft is making concessions that will be in the best interest of the company, as well as the computer industry.

I also hope the Department of Justice and the nine states in opposition will discontinue any further litigation because it is in the best interest of the American public. I look forward to the IT sector getting back to normal and continuing the growth rate that propelled the economy before the lawsuits began.

Sincerely,

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